

Los Angeles Co., Calif. Coroner.  
Report [annual] 1938/39

REPORT OF  
**FRANK A. NANCE, CORONER**  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
JULY 1, 1938 - JUNE 30, 1939

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August 31, 1939

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
501 Hall of Records  
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

In presenting herewith a report of the operations of the Coroner's Office for the fiscal year 1938-39, I wish to direct your attention to the fact that during this period we handled a case load of 6190, the largest in our history and second in volume only to that of the Coroner of Cook County, Illinois.

This number is 22 percent of all the deaths that occurred in Los Angeles County and it was an increase of 7 percent over the preceding year. No additional assistants were employed in the discharge of this added responsibility. I also desire to advise that while the average cost of this work in Coroners' offices throughout the United States is about \$25.00 per case, our net cost was only \$14.50 per case, which shows an economy of approximately \$65,000.00 in the operation of this office.

Since we experienced no large disasters or epidemics of disease during this period, it is evident that our increase in load was wholly due to increase in the population of the county, which will doubtless continue to add to the responsibilities of the Coroner each succeeding year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Frank A. Daniel*  
CORONER, Los Angeles County

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REPORT OF FRANK A. NANCE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1938-39

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|   |                  |             |
|---|------------------|-------------|
| JULY                                      | 1938             | 470         |
| AUGUST                                    | "                | 452         |
| SEPTEMBER                                 | "                | 492         |
| OCTOBER                                   | "                | 501         |
| NOVEMBER                                  | "                | 554         |
| DECEMBER                                  | "                | 595         |
| JANUARY                                   | 1939             | 604         |
| FEBRUARY                                  | "                | 525         |
| MARCH                                     | "                | 531         |
| APRIL                                     | "                | 498         |
| MAY                                       | "                | 465         |
| JUNE                                      | "                | <u>503</u>  |
| TOTAL                                     |                  | <u>6190</u> |
| <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> |                  |             |
| MALE                                      |                  | 4205        |
| FEMALE                                    |                  | <u>1985</u> |
| TOTAL                                     |                  | <u>6190</u> |
| <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> |                  |             |
| IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES                    |                  | 3852        |
| IN COUNTY OF                              | " O/S L. A. CITY | <u>2338</u> |
| TOTAL                                     |                  | <u>6190</u> |



CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

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HANDLED BY CORONER

|                            |             |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| ACCIDENTAL DEATHS:         |             |             |
| AIRPLANE                   | 13          |             |
| ASPHYXIATION               | 13          |             |
| BURNS                      | 91          |             |
| CRUSHING                   | 4           |             |
| DROWNING                   | 69          |             |
| ELECTROCUTION              | 2           |             |
| ELECTRIC RAILWAY           | 33          |             |
| FALLS                      | 368         |             |
| FIREARMS                   | 11          |             |
| HEAD INJURY                | 103         |             |
| INDUSTRIAL                 | 110         |             |
| INFECTION                  | 35          |             |
| MISCELLANEOUS              | 43          |             |
| MOTOR VEHICLE              | 976         |             |
| POISONING (ALCOHOLISM, 42) | 107         |             |
| STEAM RAILWAY              | 20          |             |
| STRANGULATION              | 7           |             |
| SUFFOCATION                | <u>11</u>   |             |
|                            | TOTAL       | 2016        |
| HOMICIDES                  | 124         |             |
| SUICIDES                   | 650         |             |
| ABORTIONS                  | 19          |             |
| NATURAL CAUSES             | 3345        |             |
| PREMATURE BIRTHS           | 13          |             |
| STILLBORN                  | 15          |             |
| UNKNOWN CAUSES             | <u>8</u>    |             |
|                            | GRAND TOTAL | <u>6190</u> |

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

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|           |      | <u>MOTOR VEHICLE</u> | <u>ELECTRIC RY</u> | <u>STEAM RY.</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-----------|------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|
| JULY      | 1938 | 73                   | 3                  | 0                | 76           |
| AUGUST    | "    | 83                   | 4                  | 2                | 89           |
| SEPTEMBER | "    | 96                   | 1                  | 2                | 99           |
| OCTOBER   | "    | 93                   | 0                  | 0                | 93           |
| NOVEMBER  | "    | 81                   | 5                  | 1                | 87           |
| DECEMBER  | "    | 90                   | 3                  | 2                | 95           |
| JANUARY   | 1939 | 83                   | 2                  | 1                | 86           |
| FEBRUARY  | "    | 64                   | 3                  | 3                | 70           |
| MARCH     | "    | 95                   | 3                  | 2                | 100          |
| APRIL     | "    | 76                   | 3                  | 3                | 82           |
| MAY       | "    | 57                   | 3                  | 1                | 61           |
| JUNE      | "    | 85                   | 3                  | 3                | 91           |
| TOTAL     |      | 976                  | 33                 | 20               | 1029         |

IN ABOVE CLASSIFICATION "MOTOR VEHICLE" INCLUDES ALL FATALITIES  
IN WHICH A MOTOR VEHICLE IS INVOLVED.

"ELECTRIC AND STEAM RAILWAY" INCLUDES ONLY THOSE CASES IN  
WHICH A PEDESTRIAN OR PASSENGER IS KILLED.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

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PEDESTRIANS

|                        |                       |            |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| JULY                   | 1938                  | 34         |
| AUGUST                 | "                     | 40         |
| SEPTEMBER              | "                     | 39         |
| OCTOBER                | "                     | 45         |
| NOVEMBER               | "                     | 40         |
| DECEMBER               | "                     | 60         |
| JANUARY                | 1939                  | 45         |
| FEBRUARY               | "                     | 39         |
| MARCH                  | "                     | 46         |
| APRIL                  | "                     | 39         |
| MAY                    | "                     | 32         |
| JUNE                   | "                     | <u>37</u>  |
| TOTAL                  |                       | <u>496</u> |
| <hr/>                  |                       |            |
| MALE                   |                       | 340        |
| FEMALE                 |                       | <u>156</u> |
| TOTAL                  |                       | <u>496</u> |
| <hr/>                  |                       |            |
| IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES |                       | 311        |
| IN COUNTY OF           | " O/S L.A. CITY       | 178        |
| O/S                    | " " " DEATH OCCURRING |            |
| IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  |                       | <u>7</u>   |
| TOTAL                  |                       | <u>496</u> |

TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
PEDESTRIAN

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| <u>AGES</u> |     |      |      |            |            |
|-------------|-----|------|------|------------|------------|
| 1           | to  | 2    | Yrs. | 4          |            |
| 2           | to  | 5    | Yrs. | 14         |            |
| 5           | to  | 10   | Yrs. | 20         |            |
| 10          | to  | 20   | Yrs. | 16         |            |
| 20          | to  | 45   | Yrs. | 81         |            |
| 45          | to  | 65   | Yrs. | 161        |            |
| 65          | and | over |      | <u>200</u> |            |
|             |     |      |      | TOTAL      | <u>496</u> |

|                         |  |  |  |            |            |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|------------|------------|
| AT INTERSECTION         |  |  |  | 305        |            |
| OTHER THAN INTERSECTION |  |  |  | <u>191</u> |            |
|                         |  |  |  | TOTAL      | <u>496</u> |
| A.M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON) |  |  |  | 114        |            |
| P.M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT) |  |  |  | 382        |            |
|                         |  |  |  | TOTAL      | <u>496</u> |

| <u>NATURE</u>             |  |  |  |          |            |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|----------|------------|
| AUTO AND PEDESTRIAN       |  |  |  | 452      |            |
| TRUCK AND PEDESTRIAN      |  |  |  | 35       |            |
| MOTORCYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN |  |  |  | 3        |            |
| BUS AND PEDESTRIAN        |  |  |  | 4        |            |
| TAXI AND PEDESTRIAN       |  |  |  | <u>2</u> |            |
|                           |  |  |  | TOTAL    | <u>496</u> |

| <u>CAUSES</u>                       |  |     |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----|
| CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION |  | 107 |
| CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY          |  | 148 |
| RUNNING IN STREET                   |  | 23  |
| WALKING IN STREET                   |  | 9   |
| PLAYING IN STREET                   |  | 2   |
| BACKING                             |  | 11  |
| SKIDDING                            |  | 2   |

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

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CAUSES, Continued

PEDESTRIANS

|  |     |            |
|--|-----|------------|
| INCOMPETENT HANDLING                               | 48  |            |
| INTOXICATION                                       | 14  |            |
| RECKLESS DRIVING                                   | 122 |            |
| DRIVERLESS CAR RAN DOWN HILL                       | 1   |            |
| FELL FROM AND RUN OVER BY TRUCK                    | 1   |            |
| ATTEMPTING TO HITCH RIDE                           | 2   |            |
| DEFECTIVE BRAKES                                   | 1   |            |
| TAXI COLLIDED WITH ELEC.RY. THEN STRUCK PEDESTRIAN | 1   |            |
| POLICE CAR COLLIDED WITH MOTORCYCLE, " "           | 1   |            |
| STRUCK BY ONE AUTO, RUN OVER BY ANOTHER            | 1   |            |
| CRANKED CAR WHILE IN GEAR                          | 1   |            |
| UNDETERMINED WHETHER FALL OR STRUCK BY AUTO        | 1   |            |
| TOTAL  |     | <u>496</u> |

HELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY:

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| MALE DRIVERS    | 114 |
| FEMALE DRIVERS  | 13  |
| UNKNOWN DRIVERS | 54  |

EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY:

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| MALE DRIVERS   | 270 |
| FEMALE DRIVERS | 40  |

CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST BEFORE A JURY WAS HELD:

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| MALE DRIVERS   | 3          |
| FEMALE DRIVER  | 1          |
| DRIVERLESS CAR | 1          |
| TOTAL          | <u>496</u> |

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| HIT AND RUN CASES | 68 |
|-------------------|----|

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| H.B.D. CASES (PEDESTRIAN 27; DRIVER 8) | 35 |
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TRAFFIC FATALITIES

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COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

|           |      |           |
|-----------|------|-----------|
| JULY      | 1938 | 39        |
| AUGUST    | "    | 43        |
| SEPTEMBER | "    | 57        |
| OCTOBER   | "    | 48        |
| NOVEMBER  | "    | 41        |
| DECEMBER  | "    | 30        |
| JANUARY   | 1939 | 38        |
| FEBRUARY  | "    | 25        |
| MARCH     | "    | 49        |
| APRIL     | "    | 37        |
| MAY       | "    | 25        |
| JUNE      | "    | <u>48</u> |

TOTAL 480

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|        |            |
|--------|------------|
| MALE   | 368        |
| FEMALE | <u>112</u> |

TOTAL 480

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|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES                                 | 181       |
| IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY O/S LOS ANGELES CITY             | 279       |
| O/S LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DEATH IN<br>LOS ANGELES COUNTY | <u>20</u> |

TOTAL 480

TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

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AGES

|                 |           |            |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|
| Less than 1 Yr. | 2         |            |
| 2 to 5 Yrs.     | 7         |            |
| 5 to 10 Yrs.    | 6         |            |
| 10 to 20 Yrs.   | 64        |            |
| 20 to 45 Yrs.   | 247       |            |
| 45 to 65 Yrs.   | 110       |            |
| 65 and over     | <u>44</u> |            |
|                 | TOTAL     | <u>480</u> |

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|                         |            |            |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| AT INTERSECTION         | 270        |            |
| OTHER THAN INTERSECTION | <u>210</u> |            |
|                         | TOTAL      | <u>480</u> |

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|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| A.M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON) | 166        |            |
| P.M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT) | <u>314</u> |            |
|                         | TOTAL      | <u>480</u> |

NATURE

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| COLLISION:                |     |
| AUTO AND AUTO             | 155 |
| AUTO AND TRUCK            | 52  |
| AUTO AND MOTORCYCLE       | 19  |
| AUTO AND TRAILER          | 1   |
| AUTO AND ELECTRIC RAILWAY | 51  |
| AUTO AND STEAM RAILWAY    | 20  |
| AUTO AND BUS              | 9   |
| AUTO AND BICYCLE          | 21  |
| AUTO AND TREE             | 12  |
| AUTO AND POLE             | 11  |
| AUTO AND BRIDGE           | 3   |

TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

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NATURE, Continued

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| AUTO AND CURB              | 3        |
| AUTO AND DITCH             | 1        |
| AUTO AND CULVERT           | 1        |
| AUTO AND WALL              | 1        |
| AUTO AND HOUSE             | 3        |
| AUTO AND HORSE AND BUGGY   | 2        |
| AUTO AND WAGON             | 1        |
| AUTO AND GUARDRAIL         | 1        |
| TRUCK AND TRUCK            | 14       |
| TRUCK AND ELECTRIC RAILWAY | 2        |
| TRUCK AND STEAM RAILWAY    | 4        |
| TRUCK AND MOTORCYCLE       | 4        |
| TRUCK AND TREE             | 2        |
| TRUCK AND BICYCLE          | 3        |
| MOTORCYCLE AND FIREPLUG    | 1        |
| NON-COLLISION:             |          |
| AUTO OVERTURNED            | 57       |
| TRUCK OVERTURNED           | 7        |
| AUTO OFF CLIFF             | 3        |
| AUTO OFF DOCK              | 1        |
| FALLS FROM VEHICLE         | 11       |
| MOTORCYCLE OVERTURNED      | <u>3</u> |

TOTAL

480

TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

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CAUSES

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| COLLISION:                                  |     |
| INCOMPETENT HANDLING                        | 130 |
| INTOXICATION                                | 11  |
| RIGHT-OF-WAY VIOLATED                       | 111 |
| RECKLESS DRIVING                            | 52  |
| MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE AT RAILWAY CROSSING   | 66  |
| BACKING                                     | 1   |
| DRIVER ASLEEP                               | 1   |
| LOST CONTROL                                | 16  |
| TIRE BLOWOUT                                | 1   |
| FAILURE TO SIGNAL                           | 1   |
| NO SIGNAL (RAILWAY CROSSING)                | 1   |
| BICYCLIST HITCH RIDING                      | 1   |
| PASSENGER BUMPED HEAD DUE TO COLLISION      | 1   |
| COLLIDED WITH TRUCK, THEN STRUCK STREET CAR | 1   |
| SITTING ON MOTORCYCLE AND STRUCK BY TRUCK   | 1   |
| PASSENGER INTERFERED WITH DRIVER            | 1   |
| DUE TO FOGGY WEATHER                        | 1   |
| DUE TO DUST STORM                           | 1   |
| NON-COLLISION:                              |     |
| VEHICLE OVERTURNED: LOST CONTROL            | 42  |
| AVOIDING COLLISION                          | 1   |
| INTOXICATION                                | 3   |
| RECKLESS DRIVING                            | 11  |
| TIRE BLOWOUT                                | 4   |
| SKIDDING                                    | 6   |
| DURING RACING CONTEST                       | 1   |
| AUTO OFF CLIFF, SKIDDING                    | 2   |



TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

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CAUSES, Continued

|                             |          |            |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|
| NON-COLLISION:              |          |            |
| AUTO OFF DOCK, LOST CONTROL | 1        |            |
| FALLS FROM VEHICLE:         |          |            |
| IMPROPER RIDING             | 2        |            |
| FALL OR JUMP UNDETERMINED   | 2        |            |
| INTOXICATION                | 2        |            |
| DURING RACING CONTEST       | 2        |            |
| RECKLESS DRIVING            | 2        |            |
| CHILD OPENED DOOR, FELL OUT | <u>1</u> |            |
|                             | TOTAL    | <u>480</u> |

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|---|----------|------------|
| FIELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY               |          |            |
| MALE DRIVERS                                      | 195      |            |
| FEMALE DRIVERS                                    | 14       |            |
| UNKNOWN DRIVERS                                   | 3        |            |
| TRAIN CREWS                                       | 8        |            |
| EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY:                     |          |            |
| MALE DRIVERS                                      | 98       |            |
| FEMALE DRIVERS                                    | 6        |            |
| TRAIN CREWS                                       | 69       |            |
| CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST BEFORE A JURY WAS HELD: |          |            |
| MALE DRIVERS                                      | 82       |            |
| FEMALE DRIVERS                                    | <u>5</u> |            |
|   | TOTAL    | <u>480</u> |

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|-------------------|----|--|
| HIT AND RUN CASES | 4  |  |
| H.B.D. CASES      | 12 |  |

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

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ELECTRIC RAILWAY

|                        |      |                      |           |
|------------------------|------|----------------------|-----------|
| JULY                   | 1938 | 3                    |           |
| AUGUST                 | "    | 4                    |           |
| SEPTEMBER              | "    | 1                    |           |
| OCTOBER                | "    | 0                    |           |
| NOVEMBER               | "    | 5                    |           |
| DECEMBER               | "    | 3                    |           |
| JANUARY                | 1939 | 2                    |           |
| FEBRUARY               | "    | 3                    |           |
| MARCH                  | "    | 3                    |           |
| APRIL                  | "    | 3                    |           |
| MAY                    | "    | 3                    |           |
| JUNE                   | "    | <u>3</u>             |           |
|                        |      | TOTAL                | <u>33</u> |
| <hr/>                  |      |                      |           |
| MALE                   |      | 20                   |           |
| FEMALE                 |      | <u>13</u>            |           |
|                        |      | TOTAL                | <u>33</u> |
| <hr/>                  |      |                      |           |
| IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES |      | 24                   |           |
| IN COUNTY OF           | "    | O/S LOS ANGELES CITY | <u>9</u>  |
|                        |      | TOTAL                | <u>33</u> |
| <hr/>                  |      |                      |           |
| 10                     | to   | 20 Yrs.              | 1         |
| 20                     | to   | 45 Yrs.              | 2         |
| 45                     | to   | 65 Yrs.              | 15        |
| 65                     | and  | over                 | <u>15</u> |
|                        |      | TOTAL                | <u>33</u> |

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

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ELECTRIC RAILWAY

NATURE

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN | 30        |
| ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PASSENGER  | 2         |
| ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND BICYCLIST  | <u>1</u>  |
| TOTAL                           | <u>33</u> |

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CAUSES

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| WALKING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY          | 3         |
| CROSSING RIGHT-OF-WAY CARELESSLY | 17        |
| INCOMPETENT HANDLING BY MOTORMAN | 8         |
| INTOXICATION BY DECEASED         | 2         |
| FALL FROM STREET CAR             | 2         |
| ATTEMPTING TO BOARD STREET CAR   | <u>1</u>  |
| TOTAL                            | <u>33</u> |

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

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STEAM RAILWAY

|                        |            |                      |           |
|------------------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|
| JULY                   | 1938       | 0                    |           |
| AUGUST                 | "          | 2                    |           |
| SEPTEMBER              | "          | 2                    |           |
| OCTOBER                | "          | 0                    |           |
| NOVEMBER               | "          | 1                    |           |
| DECEMBER               | "          | 2                    |           |
| JANUARY                | 1939       | 1                    |           |
| FEBRUARY               | "          | 3                    |           |
| MARCH                  | "          | 2                    |           |
| APRIL                  | "          | 3                    |           |
| MAY                    | "          | 1                    |           |
| JUNE                   | "          | <u>3</u>             |           |
|                        | TOTAL      |                      | <u>20</u> |
| <hr/>                  |            |                      |           |
| MALE                   |            | 17                   |           |
| FEMALE                 |            | <u>3</u>             |           |
|                        | TOTAL      |                      | <u>20</u> |
| <hr/>                  |            |                      |           |
| IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES |            | 6                    |           |
| IN COUNTY OF           | "          | 0/3 LOS ANGELES CITY | <u>14</u> |
|                        | TOTAL      |                      | <u>20</u> |
| <hr/>                  |            |                      |           |
| 20                     | to 45 Yrs. | 10                   |           |
| 45                     | to 65 Yrs. | 3                    |           |
| 65                     | and over   | <u>7</u>             |           |
|                        | TOTAL      |                      | <u>20</u> |



STEAM RAILWAY

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|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| STEAM RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN | 16        |
| STEAM RAILWAY AND PASSENGER  | 3         |
| STEAM RAILWAY AND EMPLOYEE   | <u>1</u>  |
| TOTAL                        | <u>20</u> |

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CAUSES

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| WALKING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY                    | 8         |
| CROSSING RIGHT-OF-WAY CARELESSLY           | 3         |
| INTOXICATION                               | 1         |
| ATTEMPTING TO BOARD MOVING TRAIN           | 2         |
| ATTEMPTING TO ALIGHT FROM MOVING TRAIN     | 1         |
| FALL FROM FREIGHT TRAIN                    | 4         |
| KNOCKED OFF FREIGHT TRAIN BY ELECTRIC WIRE | <u>1</u>  |
| TOTAL                                      | <u>20</u> |

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SUMMARY

|                  | <u>MALE</u> | <u>FEMALE</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| MOTOR VEHICLES   | 708         | 268           | 976          |
| ELECTRIC RAILWAY | 20          | 13            | 33           |
| STEAM RAILWAY    | <u>17</u>   | <u>3</u>      | <u>20</u>    |
| TOTAL            | 745         | 284           | 1029         |

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

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|  |      |                      |            |
|--|------|----------------------|------------|
| JULY   | 1938 | 6                    |            |
| AUGUST                                       | "    | 5                    |            |
| SEPTEMBER                                    | "    | 10                   |            |
| OCTOBER                                      | "    | 11                   |            |
| NOVEMBER                                     | "    | 8                    |            |
| DECEMBER                                     | "    | 11                   |            |
| JANUARY                                      | 1939 | 8                    |            |
| FEBRUARY                                     | "    | 8                    |            |
| MARCH  | "    | 9                    |            |
| APRIL  | "    | 15                   |            |
| MAY  | "    | 8                    |            |
| JUNE   | "    | <u>11</u>            |            |
|  |      | TOTAL                | <u>110</u> |
| <hr/>  |      |                      |            |
| MALE   |      | 108                  |            |
| FEMALE                                       |      | <u>2</u>             |            |
|  |      | TOTAL                | <u>110</u> |
| <hr/>  |      |                      |            |
| IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES                       |      | 57                   |            |
| IN COUNTY OF                                 | "    | O/S LOS ANGELES CITY | 45         |
| O/S LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY |      | <u>8</u>             |            |
|  |      | TOTAL                | <u>110</u> |
| <hr/>  |      |                      |            |
| <u>AGES</u>                                  |      |                      |            |
| 10   | to   | 20                   | Yrs.       |
|  |      |                      | 1          |
| 20   | to   | 45                   | Yrs.       |
|  |      |                      | 68         |
| 45   | to   | 65                   | Yrs.       |
|  |      |                      | 38         |
| 65   | and  | over                 |            |
|  |      | <u>2</u>             |            |
|  |      | TOTAL                | <u>110</u> |

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

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NATURE

|                    |          |            |
|--------------------|----------|------------|
| BODILY INJURY      | 8        |            |
| BURNS              | 12       |            |
| CRUSHING           | 24       |            |
| ELECTROCUTION      | 11       |            |
| FALLS              | 15       |            |
| HEAD INJURY        | 25       |            |
| INFECTION          | 7        |            |
| POISON             | 2        |            |
| PULMONARY EMBOLISM | 1        |            |
| SUFFOCATION        | <u>5</u> |            |
|                    | TOTAL    | <u>110</u> |

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CAUSES

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| BODILY INJURIES:                     |   |
| EXPLOSION OF TANK BEING WELDED       | 1 |
| INJURY TO CHEST                      | 1 |
| STRUCK BY RIM OF TIRE BEING INFLATED | 1 |
| DUE TO FALLS                         | 5 |
| BURNS:                               |   |
| TRAPPED IN BURNING BUILDING          | 2 |
| EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE                | 2 |
| EXPLOSION OF FURNACE                 | 1 |
| EXPLOSION IN OIL PLANT               | 4 |
| BY HOT WAX                           | 1 |
| WORKING ON ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT      | 1 |
| EXPLOSION OF GAS                     | 1 |

# INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

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## CAUSES, Continued

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| CRUSHING:                           |   |
| STRUCK BY LUMBER CARRIER            | 1 |
| " " BROKEN FLYWHEEL                 | 1 |
| " " FALLING DERRICK                 | 1 |
| " " " PIPE                          | 1 |
| " " " SHEEVE ON OIL RIG             | 1 |
| " " " TREE                          | 2 |
| " " " BOOM                          | 1 |
| " " " LUMBER                        | 3 |
| " " " ORE BUCKET                    | 1 |
| " " " CHAIN ON OIL RIG              | 1 |
| " " BROKEN WRENCH                   | 1 |
| WHILE REPAIRING TURNTABLE ON CRANE  | 1 |
| CAUGHT BETWEEN TRUCK AND TRACTOR    | 1 |
| " " DUMP CARS                       | 1 |
| " " BOX CARS                        | 1 |
| STRUCK BY BROKEN GRINDSTONE         | 1 |
| " " LEVER ON OIL RIG                | 1 |
| " " ARMY TANK WHILE FILMING PICTURE | 1 |
| CAUGHT IN CAVEIN                    | 1 |
| " " ELEVATOR SHAFT                  | 1 |
| " " MACHINERY                       | 1 |
| ELECTROCUTION:                      |   |
| CAME IN CONTACT WITH LIVE WIRE      | 6 |
| WORKING ON POWER POLE               | 3 |
| " " ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT            | 2 |



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## CAUSES, Continued

### FALLS:

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| FROM MAST ABOARD SHIP           | 1 |
| FROM POWER POLE                 | 1 |
| FROM TOWER                      | 1 |
| FROM LADDER WHILE WORKING       | 3 |
| FROM SCAFFOLD                   | 3 |
| FROM CRANE                      | 1 |
| FROM PORCH WHILE MAKING REPAIRS | 1 |
| FROM OIL DERRICK                | 1 |
| WHILE HANGING SIGN              | 1 |
| WHILE UNLOADING TRUCK           | 1 |
| WHILE WASHING WINDOWS           | 1 |

### HEAD INJURY:

DUE TO FALLS 14

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| STRUCK BY FALLING PLANK        | 1 |
| "      "      "      TREE      | 1 |
| "      "      "      DERRICK   | 1 |
| "      "      "      IRON BAR  | 1 |
| "      "      "      STEEL BAR | 1 |
| "      "      "      TIMBER    | 3 |
| "      "      "      CONVEYOR  | 1 |

BUMPED HEAD WHILE WORKING 1

WHILE WORKING ON PAPER BALER 1

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

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CAUSES, Continued

INFECTIONS:

|                 |                            |   |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---|
| INJURED FINGER: | TETANUS DEVELOPED          | 1 |
| "               | " CELLULITIS "             | 1 |
| "               | " PERITONITIS "            | 1 |
| "               | " SEPTICEMIA "             | 1 |
| "               | " STREPTOCOCCIA            | 1 |
| "               | HAND, SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED | 1 |
| "               | LIP, CELLULITIS "          | 1 |

POISONING:

|   |   |
|---|---|
| INHALED ARSENIC FUMES WHILE WELDING           | 1 |
| WHILE USING CLEANER CONTAINING TETRA-CHLORIDE | 1 |

SUFFOCATION:

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| CAUGHT IN CAVE-IN OF EARTH                | 4        |
| FELL INTO BIN OF COTTONSEED               | 1        |
| INJURED LEG: PULMONARY EMBOLISM DEVELOPED | <u>1</u> |

TOTAL

110

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

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|           |      |           |            |
|-----------|------|-----------|------------|
| JULY      | 1938 | 75        |            |
| AUGUST    | "    | 70        |            |
| SEPTEMBER | "    | 74        |            |
| OCTOBER   | "    | 66        |            |
| NOVEMBER  | "    | 91        |            |
| DECEMBER  | "    | 72        |            |
| JANUARY   | 1939 | 81        |            |
| FEBRUARY  | "    | 73        |            |
| MARCH     | "    | 62        |            |
| APRIL     | "    | 70        |            |
| MAY       | "    | 62        |            |
| JUNE      | "    | <u>68</u> |            |
| TOTAL     |      |           | <u>864</u> |

|        |            |            |
|--------|------------|------------|
| MALE   | 480        |            |
| FEMALE | <u>384</u> |            |
| TOTAL  |            | <u>864</u> |

|  |          |            |
|--|----------|------------|
| IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES   | 493      |            |
| IN COUNTY OF " O/S LOS ANGELES CITY                              | 368      |            |
| O/S LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DEATH OCCURRING IN<br>LOS ANGELES COUNTY | <u>3</u> |            |
| TOTAL  |          | <u>864</u> |

| <u>AGES</u> |      |      |      |            |            |
|-------------|------|------|------|------------|------------|
| Less        | than | 1    | Yr.  | 23         |            |
| 1           | to   | 2    | Yrs  | 12         |            |
| 2           | to   | 5    | Yrs. | 28         |            |
| 5           | to   | 10   | Yrs. | 22         |            |
| 10          | to   | 20   | Yrs. | 41         |            |
| 20          | to   | 45   | Yrs. | 158        |            |
| 45          | to   | 65   | Yrs. | 191        |            |
| 65          | and  | over |      | <u>389</u> |            |
| TOTAL       |      |      |      |            | <u>864</u> |

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

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NATURE

|                            |           |            |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| ASPHYXIATION               | 13        |            |
| BURNS                      | 91        |            |
| CRUSHING                   | 4         |            |
| DROWNING                   | 69        |            |
| ELECTROCUTION              | 2         |            |
| FALLS                      | 368       |            |
| FIREARMS                   | 11        |            |
| HEAD INJURY                | 103       |            |
| INFECTION                  | 35        |            |
| MISCELLANEOUS              | 43        |            |
| POISONING (ALCOHOLISM, 42) | 107       |            |
| STRANGULATION              | 7         |            |
| SUFFOCATION                | <u>11</u> |            |
|                            | TOTAL     | <u>864</u> |

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CAUSES

|  |    |
|--|----|
| ASPHYXIATION:                                      |    |
| GAS BURNING IN CLOSE ROOM                          | 7  |
| INHALATION OF SMOKE                                | 4  |
| FELL INTO WINE VAT                                 | 1  |
| AT CHILD BIRTH                                     | 1  |
| BURNS:   |    |
| CLOTHING IGNITED FROM HEATER                       | 28 |
| " " " CIGARETTE                                    | 11 |
| EXPLOSION OF GAS                                   | 6  |
| " " GASOLINE                                       | 6  |
| PLAYING WITH MATCHES                               | 6  |
| ENDEAVORING TO RESCUE PERSON FROM BURNING BUILDING | 1  |



MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

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CAUSES, Continued

|   |    |
|---|----|
| BURNS:  |    |
| BY BOILING WATER  | 3  |
| LIGHTED MATCH IN GAS FILLED ROOM                            | 2  |
| WHILE IN BATHTUB  | 3  |
| CLOTHING IGNITED FROM BONFIRE                               | 4  |
| EXPLOSION OF FUMIGATING FLUID                               | 1  |
| BY HOT VARNISH  | 1  |
| BY HOT GREASE   | 1  |
| BY ELECTRIC HEATER  | 1  |
| FROM INCINERATOR  | 1  |
| BY HOT WATER BOTTLE   | 1  |
| WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED                 | 1  |
| TRAPPED IN BURNING BUILDING                                 | 14 |
| CRUSHING:   |    |
| CAUGHT IN PUMP BELT   | 1  |
| STRUCK BY FALLING WHEEL WHILE PLAYING                       | 1  |
| STRUCK BY FALLING IRON PIPES                                | 1  |
| STRUCK BY FALLING BODY OF SUICIDE WHO JUMPED<br>FROM WINDOW | 1  |
| DROWNING:   |    |
| FELL FROM RAFT WHILE PLAYING                                | 3  |
| FELL INTO CREEK WHILE PLAYING                               | 1  |
| FELL INTO SWIMMING POOL                                     | 8  |
| FELL INTO LAKE  | 1  |
| FELL FROM ROCK WHILE FISHING                                | 1  |
| FELL FROM BOAT AT DOCK                                      | 1  |
| FELL INTO FLOOD WATERS                                      | 1  |
| FELL INTO GRAVEL PIT  | 1  |
| STRUCK HEAD IN DIVING, DROWNED                              | 2  |
| BABY IN BATHTUB, WATER RUNNING                              | 1  |

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

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CAUSES, CONTINUED

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| DROWNING:                                   |     |
| MOTORBOAT OVERTURNED                        | 1   |
| CANOE CAPSIZED                              | 2   |
| JUMPED FROM BRIDGE TO AVOID TRAIN           | 1   |
| FELL INTO BATHTUB DUE TO FAINTING           | 2   |
| INABILITY TO SWIM                           | 9   |
| EXHAUSTED WHILE SWIMMING                    | 13  |
| CAUGHT IN RIPTIDE                           | 4   |
| DUE TO CRAMPS                               | 2   |
| INTOXICATION                                | 1   |
| WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED | 12  |
| UNKNOWN CAUSE, NO WITNESS                   | 2   |
| ELECTROCUTION:                              |     |
| ELECTRIC HEATER FELL INTO BATHTUB           | 2   |
| FALLS:                                      |     |
| TO FLOOR, OLD AGE                           | 154 |
| " " DUE TO ILLNESS                          | 53  |
| " " TRIPPED OVER OBJECT                     | 19  |
| BABY FELL FROM CRIB                         | 2   |
| FELL FROM JAIL BUNK                         | 1   |
| INTOXICATION                                | 2   |
| UNKNOWN CAUSE                               | 1   |
| TO STREET:                                  |     |
| OLD AGE                                     | 22  |
| DUE TO ILLNESS                              | 5   |
| TRIPPED OVER OBJECT                         | 8   |
| INTOXICATION                                | 2   |
| WHILE PLAYING                               | 1   |
| AFTER COLLIDING WITH ANOTHER PERSON         | 1   |
| UNKNOWN CAUSE                               | 2   |

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

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CAUSES, Continued

|  |    |
|--|----|
| FALLS:   |    |
| DOWNSTAIRS, OLD AGE                              | 29 |
| DUE TO ILLNESS                                   | 3  |
| TRIPPED OVER OBJECT                              | 3  |
| TRIPPED OVER DOG                                 | 1  |
| INTOXICATION                                     | 4  |
| IN YARD AT HOME:                                 |    |
| OLD AGE  | 16 |
| DUE TO ILLNESS                                   | 1  |
| TRIPPED OVER OBJECT                              | 3  |
| FROM PORCH:                                      |    |
| OLD AGE  | 2  |
| DUE TO ILLNESS                                   | 2  |
| TRIPPED OVER OBJECT                              | 1  |
| FROM CLIFF, WHILE HIKING                         | 4  |
| FROM WINDOW, ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED | 1  |
| DOWN EMBANKMENT DUE TO STORM                     | 1  |
| INTO BATHTUB, DUE TO ILLNESS                     | 1  |
| FROM GANGPLANK, INTOXICATION                     | 1  |
| FROM WALL, INTOXICATION                          | 1  |
| DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT, UNKNOWN CAUSE               | 1  |
| DOWN LIGHTWELL, INTOXICATION                     | 1  |
| FROM DERRICK, INTOXICATION                       | 1  |
| INTO CULVERT, OLD AGE                            | 1  |
| FROM STANDING AUTO, OLD AGE                      | 1  |
| FROM BUILDING, ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETER.   | 1  |
| "      "      REPAIRING ROOF AT HOME             | 1  |
| "      "      INTOXICATION                       | 1  |
| FROM BRIDGE, ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED | 3  |

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

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CAUSES, Continued

|   |    |
|---|----|
| FALLS:                                      |    |
| FROM HORSE, UNABLE TO MANAGE                | 2  |
| FROM LADDER, AT HOME                        | 2  |
| WHILE WASHING WINDOWS AT HOME               | 1  |
| UNKNOWN CAUSE                               | 1  |
| WHILE TRIMMING TREES AT HOME                | 1  |
| FROM WINDOW, DEMENTED                       | 1  |
| INTOXICATION                                | 1  |
| ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED         | 2  |
| FIREARMS:                                   |    |
| PLAYING WITH GUN                            | 2  |
| GUN ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED                 | 2  |
| WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED | 5  |
| " " " HOMICIDAL "                           | 2  |
| HEAD INJURY:                                |    |
| DUE TO FALLS                                | 87 |
| DIVING INTO PLUNGE                          | 2  |
| STRUCK BY FALLING GATE WHILE PLAYING        | 1  |
| CHILD STRUCK ON HEAD WITH TOY               | 1  |
| STRUCK BY IRON BAR                          | 1  |
| WHILE PLAYING FOOTBALL                      | 1  |
| WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED | 3  |
| " " " HOMICIDAL "                           | 6  |
| UNKNOWN CAUSE                               | 1  |
| INFECTION:                                  |    |
| INJURED FINGER, SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED        | 3  |
| " FOOT, " "                                 | 1  |
| " HAND, " "                                 | 2  |
| " LEG, " "                                  | 2  |
| BITTEN BY INSECT " "                        | 2  |

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

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## CAUSES, CONTINUED

## INFECTION:

|  |    |
|--|----|
| CIGARETTE ASHES IN EYE, INFECTION DEVELOPED        | 1  |
| INJECTION OF CALCIUM GLUCOSE, TETANUS DEVELOPED    | 1  |
| INJURED HAND, " "                                  | 2  |
| " FOOT, " "  | 1  |
| " ARM, " "   | 2  |
| SLIVER IN FOOT, " "                                | 1  |
| STEPPED ON NAIL " "                                | 1  |
| " " " SEPTICEMIA "                                 | 2  |
| INJURED LIP, CELLULITIS "                          | 2  |
| " FOOT, " "  | 2  |
| " ARM, " "   | 1  |
| EXTRACTION OF TOOTH, " "                           | 1  |
| " " " SEPTICEMIA "                                 | 1  |
| SLIVER IN FINGER, " "                              | 1  |
| INJURED TOE, GANGRENE SET UP                       | 1  |
| " LEG, " " "                                       | 1  |
| BITTEN BY DOG, PULMONARY EMBOLUS DEVELOPED         | 1  |
| INJURY IN FRIENDLY SCUFFLE, TOXEMIA "              | 1  |
| INJURED LEG, OSLEOMYOLITIS DEVELOPED               | 1  |
| " IN FALL, SEPTICEMIA "                            | 1  |
| MISCELLANEOUS:                                     |    |
| BODILY INJURY, DUE TO FALLS                        | 10 |
| " " AFTER JUMP FROM TRUCK                          | 1  |
| " " WHILE BEING RESTRAINED BY<br>ASYLUM ATTENDANTS | 1  |
| BODILY INJURY, WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR MOM. UNDETER. | 3  |
| PERFORATION OF ESOPHAGUS, SWALLOWED CHICKEN BONE   | 1  |
| " " " CHILD DRANK LYE                              | 1  |

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CAUSES, Continued

|   |    |
|---|----|
| MISCELLANEOUS:  |    |
| SHOCK FOLLOWING ANESTHESIA                            | 4  |
| " " DOG BITE  | 1  |
| " " DIVE INTO COLD WATER                              | 1  |
| " " FRACTURE OF ARM                                   | 1  |
| HEMORRHAGE FROM UNTIED UMBILICAL CORD                 | 2  |
| " " CUT HAND  | 2  |
| " " UNKNOWN CAUSE                                     | 1  |
| " FOLLOWING JUMP FROM BUILDING                        | 1  |
| " " EXTRACTION OF TOOTH                               | 1  |
| " AT BIRTH (BABY)                                     | 1  |
| FRACTURE OF BACK - FELL FROM HORIZONTAL BAR           | 1  |
| " " " " BUILDING                                      | 1  |
| " OF NECK - DOVE INTO SHALLOW WATER                   | 3  |
| EXPLOSION OF GAS BAG DURING ANESTHESIA                | 1  |
| RUPTURED BLADDER - USED CATHETOR TO RELIEVE STRICTURE | 1  |
| RABIES DEVELOPED AFTER DOG BITE                       | 1  |
| PNEUMONIA DEVELOPED AFTER OPERATION ON THROAT         | 1  |
| " " " FRACTURE OF ANKLE                               | 1  |
| " " " INHALATION OF SMOKE                             | 1  |
| POISONING:  |    |
| ALCOHOLISM  | 42 |
| ANT PASTE: CHILD DRANK SOLUTION                       | 4  |
| ARSENIC: BABY DRANK SOLUTION                          | 1  |
| " MISTAKEN FOR MEDICINE                               | 1  |
| " WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED         | 4  |
| BARBITOL: OVERDOSE                                    | 3  |



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CAUSES, Continued

|                                    |   |    |
|------------------------------------|---|----|
| POISONING:                         |   |    |
| BOTULISM:                          | ATE BLACK PUDDING                                   | 1  |
| BROMIDES:                          | OVERDOSE  | 3  |
| BARBITOL:                          | WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED         | 1  |
| CARBON MONOXIDE:                   | GAS HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM                   | 23 |
| "                                  | " FUMES FROM BURNING BUILDING                       | 3  |
| "                                  | " AUTO EXHAUST, ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED | 2  |
| CAUSTIC SODA:                      | ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED                 | 1  |
| CRESOL:                            | " " "   | 1  |
| CYANIDE:                           | " " "   | 1  |
| CHILD DRANK STAGNANT WATER         |   | 1  |
| "                                  | " SOLDERING SALTS                                   | 1  |
| DRANK DENATURED ALCOHOL BY MISTAKE |   | 2  |
| DRANK PYRENE BY MISTAKE            |   | 1  |
| DRANK PAINT REMOVER BY MISTAKE     |   | 1  |
| CHILD DRANK VICK'S VAPOR RUB       |   | 1  |
| CHILD DRANK WINTERGREEN            |   | 1  |
| DRANK HYDRO OXIDE BY MISTAKE       |   | 1  |
| INHALED GASOLINE FUMES             |   | 1  |
| LYSOL:                             | ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED                 | 2  |
| LUMINOL:                           | OVERDOSE  | 1  |
| NICOTINE:                          | ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED                 | 1  |
| SALT SOLUTION:                     | OVERDOSE AT HOSPITAL                                | 1  |
| STRYCHNINE:                        | ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED                 | 1  |

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CAUSES, Continued

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| STRANGULATION:                              |            |
| POPCORN LODGED IN THROAT                    | 1          |
| BABY FELL BETWEEN WALL AND CRIB             | 1          |
| INHALED MUCOUS                              | 1          |
| BABY SWALLOWED MARBLE                       | 1          |
| HEAD CAUGHT IN TREE BRANCH                  | 1          |
| WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED | 2          |
| SUFFOCATION:                                |            |
| FOREIGN OBJECT LODGED IN THROAT             | 1          |
| FACE COVERED WITH BEDDING                   | 5          |
| SMOKE FROM BURNING BUILDING                 | 3          |
| CAUGHT IN CAVE-IN WHILE PLAYING             | 1          |
| INHALATION OF MILK                          | <u>1</u>   |
| TOTAL                                       | <u>864</u> |

SUICIDES

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|           |      |            |
|-----------|------|------------|
| JULY      | 1938 | 45         |
| AUGUST    | "    | 46         |
| SEPTEMBER | "    | 74         |
| OCTOBER   | "    | 69         |
| NOVEMBER  | "    | 44         |
| DECEMBER  | "    | 56         |
| JANUARY   | 1939 | 63         |
| FEBRUARY  | "    | 53         |
| MARCH     | "    | 42         |
| APRIL     | "    | 52         |
| MAY       | "    | 59         |
| JUNE      | "    | <u>47</u>  |
| TOTAL     |      | <u>650</u> |

|        |            |
|--------|------------|
| MALE   | 482        |
| FEMALE | <u>168</u> |
| TOTAL  | <u>650</u> |

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES           | 377        |
| IN COUNTY " O/S LOS ANGELES CITY | <u>273</u> |
| TOTAL                            | <u>650</u> |

|             |     |      |      |            |
|-------------|-----|------|------|------------|
| <u>AGES</u> |     |      |      |            |
| 10          | to  | 20   | Yrs. | 9          |
| 20          | to  | 45   | Yrs. | 275        |
| 45          | to  | 65   | Yrs. | 261        |
| 65          | and | over |      | <u>105</u> |
| TOTAL       |     |      |      | <u>650</u> |

SUICIDES

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NATURE :

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| BURNS                         | 1  |
| CUTTING                       | 33 |
| DROWNING                      | 18 |
| JUMPING:<br>FROM BUILDING     | 12 |
| FROM BRIDGE                   | 3  |
| FROM WINDOW                   | 4  |
| FROM TOWER                    | 1  |
| DOWN STAIR WELL               | 1  |
| IN FRONT OF STREET CAR        | 3  |
| POISONING:<br>ANT PASTE       | 53 |
| ANT POWDER                    | 2  |
| ARSENIC                       | 19 |
| AMONIA                        | 1  |
| ASPIRIN                       | 1  |
| BI-CHLORIDE OF MERCURY        | 7  |
| BARBATOL                      | 6  |
| BARBITURATE                   | 2  |
| CARBON MONOXIDE: AUTO EXHAUST | 78 |
| ILLUMINATING GAS              | 26 |
| CYANIDE                       | 20 |
| CHLOROFORM                    | 4  |
| CARBOLIC ACID                 | 1  |
| CAUSTIC ALKOLI                | 1  |
| FORMALDEHYDE                  | 1  |
| HYDROCHLORIDE                 | 1  |
| INSOLIN                       | 1  |

SUICIDES

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NATURE, Continued

|                          |          |            |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| IODINE                   | 1        |            |
| LYSOL                    | 17       |            |
| LYE                      | 1        |            |
| MORPHINE                 | 4        |            |
| NICOTINE (BLACK LEAF 40) | 4        |            |
| NITRIC ACID              | 1        |            |
| NEMETOL                  | 1        |            |
| NITRO BENZINE            | 1        |            |
| POTASSIUM PERMANGONATE   | 3        |            |
| PHENOL                   | 2        |            |
| POTASH                   | 1        |            |
| SANI FLUSH               | 1        |            |
| STRYCHNINE               | 15       |            |
| SHOOTING                 | 216      |            |
| STRANGULATION            | 81       |            |
| UNKNOWN POISON           | <u>1</u> |            |
|                          | TOTAL    | <u>650</u> |

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CAUSES

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| ILL HEALTH                     | 261 |
| INTOXICATION                   | 23  |
| TIRED OF LIFE                  | 13  |
| DESPONDENCY                    | 4   |
| DESPONDENT OVER DIVORCE ACTION | 1   |
| DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES          | 50  |
| FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES         | 58  |

SUICIDES  
CAUSES, Continued

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|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| LOVE AFFAIR                          | 6          |
| MENTALLY DERANGED                    | 14         |
| TEMPORARILY DERANGED                 | 19         |
| FEAR OF PROSECUTION                  | 12         |
| FEAR OF BLINDNESS                    | 4          |
| FEAR OF INSANITY                     | 3          |
| LACK OF EMPLOYMENT                   | 22         |
| AFTER MURDER OF WIFE                 | 9          |
| AFTER MURDER OF HUSBAND              | 3          |
| AFTER MURDER OF FRIEND               | 1          |
| AFTER MURDER OF SON                  | 2          |
| AFTER COMMITTING MURDER              | 7          |
| GRIEF OVER DEATH OF WIFE             | 5          |
| GRIEF OVER DEATH OF HUSBAND          | 4          |
| GRIEF OVER DEATH OF MOTHER           | 1          |
| GRIEF OVER DEATH OF FRIEND           | 1          |
| GRIEF OVER DEATH OF NEPHEW           | 1          |
| DESPONDENT OVER LOSS OF AUTO         | 1          |
| "      "      DAUGHTER'S ILLNESS     | 1          |
| JEALOUSY                             | 2          |
| DUE TO OVERSTUDY                     | 2          |
| DRUG ADDICT                          | 1          |
| SUICIDE PACT                         | 2          |
| DESPONDENT OVER SEPARATION FROM WIFE | 2          |
| UNKNOWN CAUSES                       | <u>115</u> |

TOTAL

650



HOMICIDES

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|                                     |       |           |            |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------|
| JULY                                | 1938  | 13        |            |
| AUGUST                              | "     | 14        |            |
| SEPTEMBER                           | "     | 14        |            |
| OCTOBER                             | "     | 10        |            |
| NOVEMBER                            | "     | 6         |            |
| DECEMBER                            | "     | 14        |            |
| JANUARY                             | 1939  | 16        |            |
| FEBRUARY                            | "     | 6         |            |
| MARCH                               | "     | 14        |            |
| APRIL                               | "     | 7         |            |
| MAY                                 | "     | 5         |            |
| JUNE                                | "     | <u>5</u>  |            |
|                                     | TOTAL |           | <u>124</u> |
| MALE                                |       | 94        |            |
| FEMALE                              |       | <u>30</u> |            |
|                                     | TOTAL |           | <u>124</u> |
| IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES              |       | 89        |            |
| IN COUNTY OF " O/S LOS ANGELES CITY |       | <u>35</u> |            |
|                                     | TOTAL |           | <u>124</u> |

AGES

|                  |          |            |
|------------------|----------|------------|
| Less than 1 Year | 1        |            |
| 2 to 5 Yrs.      | 1        |            |
| 10 to 20 Yrs.    | 10       |            |
| 20 to 45 Yrs.    | 72       |            |
| 45 to 65 Yrs.    | 32       |            |
| 65 and over      | <u>8</u> |            |
|                  | TOTAL    | <u>124</u> |

HOMICIDES

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|                   |           |            |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| ACCIDENTAL        | 5         |            |
| JUSTIFIABLE       | 23        |            |
| UNJUSTIFIABLE     | <u>96</u> |            |
|                   | TOTAL     | <u>124</u> |
| <hr/>             |           |            |
| BY KNOWN PERSON   | 59        |            |
| BY UNKNOWN PERSON | 29        |            |
| BY HUSBAND        | 15        |            |
| BY WIFE           | 2         |            |
| BY FATHER         | 2         |            |
| BY MOTHER         | 2         |            |
| BY SON            | 1         |            |
| BY DAUGHTER       | 1         |            |
| BY BROTHER        | 2         |            |
| BY OFFICER        | <u>11</u> |            |
|                   | TOTAL     | <u>124</u> |

CAUSES

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| ACCIDENTAL:             |   |
| WHILE CLEANING GUN      | 1 |
| PLAYING WITH GUN        | 3 |
| HANDLING GUN CARELESSLY | 2 |
| JUSTIFIABLE:            |   |
| SELF-DEFENSE            | 8 |
| DEFENSE OF HOME         | 1 |
| DEFENSE OF MOTHER       | 1 |
| EVADING ARREST          | 5 |
| DURING ROBBERY          | 1 |
| DURING HOLDUP           | 7 |

HOMICIDES  
CAUSES, Continued

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|                                     |          |            |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| UNJUSTIFIABLE:                      |          |            |
| LOVE AFFAIR                         | 7        |            |
| DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES               | 12       |            |
| FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES              | 1        |            |
| DURING FIGHT                        | 39       |            |
| "    QUARREL OVER DOG               | 1        |            |
| "        "        "    AUTO         | 1        |            |
| DURING HOLDUP                       | 13       |            |
| JEALOUSY                            | 5        |            |
| PROBABLY GANG WAR                   | 1        |            |
| TRYING TO PREVENT MURDER OF ANOTHER | 1        |            |
| FANCIED GRUDGE OVER DISCHARGE       | 1        |            |
| MENTALLY DERANGED                   | 7        |            |
| BOY SHOT BY CITIZEN                 | 1        |            |
| UNKNOWN CAUSE                       | <u>6</u> |            |
|                                     | TOTAL    | <u>124</u> |

ABORTIONS

|  |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| SELF-INDUCED                           | 10        |           |
| CRIMINAL BY PHYSICIAN                  | 2         |           |
| CRIMINAL BY UNKNOWN PERSON             | 1         |           |
| SPONTANEOUS                            | 2         |           |
| CAUSED BY FALL                         | 1         |           |
| CRIMINAL OR SELF-INDUCED, UNDETERMINED | <u>3</u>  |           |
|  | TOTAL     | <u>19</u> |
| IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES                 | <u>13</u> |           |
| IN COUNTY OF " O/S L.A. CITY           | <u>6</u>  |           |
|  | TOTAL     | <u>19</u> |
| MARRIED                                | 15        |           |
| DIVORCED                               | 2         |           |
| SINGLE                                 | <u>2</u>  |           |
|  | TOTAL     | <u>19</u> |
| AGES: 10 to 20, 1; 20 to 45, 18        | TOTAL     | <u>19</u> |

ALCOHOLISM

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|        |          |           |
|--------|----------|-----------|
| MALE   | 39       |           |
| FEMALE | <u>3</u> |           |
| TOTAL  |          | <u>42</u> |

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|                                     |          |           |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES              | 38       |           |
| IN COUNTY OF " O/S LOS ANGELES CITY | <u>4</u> |           |
| TOTAL                               |          | <u>42</u> |

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|               |          |           |
|---------------|----------|-----------|
| <u>AGES</u>   |          |           |
| 20 to 45 Yrs. | 21       |           |
| 45 to 65 Yrs. | 17       |           |
| 65 and over   | <u>4</u> |           |
| TOTAL         |          | <u>42</u> |

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|                       |          |          |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| <u>UNKNOWN CAUSES</u> |          |          |
| MALE                  | 7        |          |
| FEMALE                | <u>1</u> |          |
| TOTAL                 |          | <u>8</u> |

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|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES              | 6        |          |
| IN COUNTY OF " O/S LOS ANGELES CITY | <u>2</u> |          |
| TOTAL                               |          | <u>8</u> |

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|               |          |          |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| <u>AGES</u>   |          |          |
| FETUS         | 1        |          |
| 45 to 65 Yrs. | <u>7</u> |          |
| TOTAL         |          | <u>8</u> |

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|                   |          |          |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| DECOMPOSED        | 7        |          |
| POSSIBLY BOTULISM | <u>1</u> |          |
| TOTAL             |          | <u>8</u> |

AEROPLANE FATALITIES

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|  |       |          |           |
|--|-------|----------|-----------|
| JULY   | 1938  | 1        |           |
| AUGUST                                       | "     | 0        |           |
| SEPTEMBER                                    | "     | 3        |           |
| OCTOBER                                      | "     | 1        |           |
| NOVEMBER                                     | "     | 0        |           |
| DECEMBER                                     | "     | 0        |           |
| JANUARY                                      | 1939  | 1        |           |
| FEBRUARY                                     | "     | 0        |           |
| MARCH  | "     | 2        |           |
| APRIL  | "     | 3        |           |
| MAY  | "     | 2        |           |
| JUNE   | "     | 0        |           |
|  | TOTAL | <u>0</u> | <u>13</u> |
| <hr/>  |       |          |           |
| MALES  |       | 13       |           |
| <hr/>  |       |          |           |
| IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES                       |       | 7        |           |
| IN COUNTY OF " O/S LOS ANGELES CITY          |       | 5        |           |
| O/S LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY |       | <u>1</u> |           |
|  | TOTAL |          | <u>13</u> |
| <hr/>  |       |          |           |
| PILOTS                                       |       | 7        |           |
| PASSENGERS                                   |       | <u>6</u> |           |
|  | TOTAL |          | <u>13</u> |
| <hr/>  |       |          |           |
| <u>AGES</u>                                  |       |          |           |
| 20 to 45 Yrs.                                |       | 12       |           |
| 45 to 65 Yrs.                                |       | <u>1</u> |           |
|  | TOTAL |          | <u>13</u> |

AEROPLANE FATALITIES

CAUSES

|                        |          |           |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|
| DUE TO FOGGY WEATHER   | 3        |           |
| STUNT FLYING           | 1        |           |
| TAILSPIN               | 3        |           |
| STRUCK WIRE IN LANDING | 3        |           |
| UNKNOWN CAUSES         | <u>3</u> |           |
|                        | TOTAL    | <u>13</u> |

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TYPE OF PLANE

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| PLEASURE | 4 |
| ARMY     | 2 |
| CHUTE    | 1 |
| GLIDER   | 1 |



INQUESTS

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|           |      | <u>CORONER'S<br/>INQUEST ROOM</u> | <u>L.A. CITY AND CO<br/>OUTSIDE INQUEST ROOM</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-----------|------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------|
| JULY      | 1938 | 53                                | 32   | 85           |
| AUGUST    | "    | 64                                | 38   | 102          |
| SEPTEMBER | "    | 58                                | 41   | 99           |
| OCTOBER   | "    | 52                                | 39   | 91           |
| NOVEMBER  | "    | 50                                | 41   | 91           |
| DECEMBER  | "    | 60                                | 52   | 112          |
| JANUARY   | 1939 | 57                                | 38   | 95           |
| FEBRUARY  | "    | 46                                | 26   | 72           |
| MARCH     | "    | 57                                | 40   | 97           |
| APRIL     | "    | 43                                | 37   | 80           |
| MAY       | "    | 39                                | 28   | 67           |
| JUNE      | "    | 45                                | 40   | 85           |
| TOTAL     |      | 624                               | 452  | 1076         |

AUTOPSIES

|           |      | <u>CORONER'S<br/>MORTUARY</u> | <u>L.A. CITY &amp; CO.<br/>OUTSIDE MORTUARY</u> | <u>GENERAL<br/>HOSPITAL</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-----------|------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------|
| JULY      | 1938 | 237                           | 208   | 6                           | 451          |
| AUGUST    | "    | 248                           | 188   | 3                           | 439          |
| SEPTEMBER | "    | 265                           | 214   | 7                           | 486          |
| OCTOBER   | "    | 260                           | 222   | 6                           | 488          |
| NOVEMBER  | "    | 279                           | 251   | 7                           | 537          |
| DECEMBER  | "    | 282                           | 288   | 9                           | 579          |
| JANUARY   | 1939 | 302                           | 280   | 8                           | 590          |
| FEBRUARY  | "    | 272                           | 239   | 4                           | 515          |
| MARCH     | "    | 247                           | 264   | 7                           | 518          |
| APRIL     | "    | 220                           | 255   | 4                           | 479          |
| MAY       | "    | 217                           | 227   | 7                           | 451          |
| JUNE      | "    | 216                           | 264   | 5                           | 485          |
| TOTAL     |      | 3045                          | 2900  | 73                          | 6018         |

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

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|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| NUMBER OF CHILDREN EMBALMED (UNDER 14 YRS.: NO FEES)  | 180            |
| NUMBER OF BODIES ASSIGNED TO COUNTY WELFARE: "  | 243            |
| NUMBER OF BODIES ASSIGNED TO CATHOLIC WELFARE: "  | 57             |
| NUMBER OF EMBALMING EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS<br>UNDER PENAL CODE SEC. 4300h; NO FEES     | <u>135</u>     |
| TOTAL NUMBER EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY<br>FOR WHICH NO FEES WERE COLLECTED                 | 615            |
| TOTAL NUMBER BODIES EMBALMED: FEES COLLECTED  | <u>2,242</u>   |
| TOTAL NUMBER BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY  | 2,857          |
| NUMBER EMBALMED BY UNDERTAKERS BEFORE DELIVERY<br>TO CORONER'S MORTUARY                         | <u>234</u>     |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES HANDLED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY  | 3,091          |
| NUMBER OF CORONER'S CASES HANDLED BY L.A. CITY AND<br>COUNTY UNDERTAKERS O/S CORONER'S MORTUARY | <u>3,099</u>   |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY COUNTY CORONER   | <u>6,190</u> - |
| NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS: NO AUTOPSY  | 172 -          |
| MILES TRAVELED TO CONDUCT INQUESTS AND INVESTIGATIONS   | 13,282         |
| MILES TRAVELED BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES<br>AND TO APPEAR AS WITNESSES                   | 40,533         |
| MILES TRAVELED BY AMBULANCES TO TRANSPORT BODIES  | 12,979         |
| NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS SOLD  | 543            |
| NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK   | 1,076          |
| NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS DELIVERED TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY  | 324            |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS PREPARED  | 1,943          |
| NUMBER OF PAGES OF TESTIMONY TYPEWRITTEN  | 14,848         |
| NUMBER OF "VERDICT OF CORONER" AND AUTOPSY FINDINGS   | 4,942 -        |
| NUMBER OF "VERDICT OF JURIES"   | 1,076          |

MISCELLANEOUS DATA, Continued

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|   |       |
|---|-------|
| NUMBER OF JURORS SUMMONED TO SERVE ON<br>CORONER'S INQUESTS | 5,816 |
| NUMBER OF WITNESSES SUBPOINED TO TESTIFY AT INQUESTS        | 7,096 |
| NUMBER OF ESTATES DELIVERED TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR         | 150   |

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SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| NUMBER OF MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS                 | 654   |
| NUMBER OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS             | 16    |
| NUMBER OF BLOOD TESTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE          | 37    |
| NUMBER OF CROSS SPECIMENS PREPARED FOR EVIDENCE    | 41    |
| NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY | 420   |
| NUMBER OF CHEMICAL TESTS FOR SUGAR                 | 8     |
| NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED TO CHEMICAL LABORATORY   | 446   |
| NUMBER OF CHEMICAL TESTS NECESSARY FOR ABOVE CASES | 3,015 |

EXPENDITURES  
FISCAL YEAR 1938-39

|                           | <u>APPROPRIATION</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| SALARIES AND WAGES        | \$ 108,455.00        | \$ 108,084.88       |
| MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION | 20,208.00            | 17,630.37           |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY            | <u>470.00</u>        | <u>408.19</u>       |
| TOTAL                     | \$ 129,133.00        | \$ 126,123.44       |

REVENUES COLLECTED  
FISCAL YEAR 1938-39

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| EMBALMING FEES      | \$ 33,630.00  |
| SALE OF TRANSCRIPTS | 2,183.26      |
| SHERIFF'S FEES      | 13.91         |
| WITNESS FEES        | <u>108.10</u> |
| TOTAL               | \$ 35,935.27  |